is paid Rs. 600 per quintal that is Rs. 6/- per kg. (*Interruptions*) I will take just one minute. Three kgs. of cotton will give one kg. of lint and from one kg. of lint, we can have 8 metres of cloth. If you go to the market to purchase cloth, anywhere in India, it will definitely be about Rs. 20/- per metre. This means, the millowner gets from one kg. of lint Rs. 160/- whereas the farmer gets only Rs. 18/-. I do not know where this money, Rs. 140, goes.

Sir, the textile millowners are exploiting the farmers. Therefore, the time has come to review the policy of the Government of India, the policy of the CCI. I would request the Government of India, through you, to adopt the Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme throughout India so that the exploitation of farmers will be stopped. This is the concern of my State, Maharashtra, as well as your State, Sir, Andhra Pradesh and the State of Gujarat. These are the main cotton-growing States. Textile industry is the basic industry of our country. A large number of farmers are involved. I fully associate myself with the Special Mention made by my friend, Shri Raoof Valiullah. Thank you.

श्री नरेश सी. पुगलिया (महाराष्ट्र) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, . . .

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री बी. सत्यनारायण रेड्डी) : आप भी एसोसियेट करना चाहते हैं ?

श्री नरेश सी० पुगलिया : जी हां, मैं एसोसियेट करता हूं ।

श्री मोहम्मद खलीलुर रहमान (आन्ध्र प्रदेश) : जनाब वायस चेयरमैन साहब, रऊफ वलीउल्लाह साहब ने जो स्पेशल मेंशन किया है मैं उससे एसोसियेट करता हूं । सर, आंध्र प्रदेश स्टूट भी इसी सूरतेहाल से दोचार है । इस वजह से यह कहना अहम जरुरी है कि कांप्रेहेंसिव कॉटन पालिसी अख्तियार की जाय ।

†[شری محمد خلیل الرحمان

(آندھرا پردیش) : جناب وایس چیرمین صاحب - رؤوف ولی اللہ صاحب نے جو اسپیشل مینشن کیا ہے میں اس سے ایسوسئیٹ کرتا ہوں - سر آندھرا پردیش اسٹیٹ بھی اس صورتحال سے دو چار ہے - اس وجہ سے یہ کہنا اہم ضروری ہے کہ کمپری ہینسیو کاٹن پالیسی اختیار کی جائے -]

श्री ईश दत्त यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : माननीय मैं भी एसोसियेट करता हूं ।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY): The House is now adjourned and we will meet again at 3 p.m.

The House then adjourned for lunch at seventeen minutes past two of the clock.

The House re-assembled after lunch at one minute past three of the clock, The Deputy Chairman in the Chair.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We take up the Tamil Nadu Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1988. Shri Gadhvi.

TAMIL NADU APPROPRIATION (NO. 3) BILL, 1988

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): Madam, I move:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Tamil Nadu for the services of the

†[ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

financial year 1988-89, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

This Bill arises out of a sum of Rs. 156.63 crores voted by the Lok Sabha on the 5th December, 1988, and Rs. 262.73 crores charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State of Tamil Nadu. These amounts have been sought to cover the additional requirements in the current financial year. Full details of the provisions are available in the Supplementary Demands circulated to the Members on the 29th November, 1988.

Madam, I move.

The question was proposed.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Subramanian Swamy. (*Interruptions*). Are we discussing the Appropriation Bill or his election?

AN HON. MEMBER: Madam, he is from U.P.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): U. P. is also part of India.

Madam, Deputy Chairman, Tamil Nadu is my mother State because I was born in the city of Madras. So, whatever may be, wherever I may go, that special link will always be there.

Madam, today, while discussing the Appropriation Bill on behalf of my party I initiate the debate on the Supplementary Budget for Tamil Nadu. Why was the Supplementary budget necessary? Rs. 419 crores have been asked for and that is because of two main items. According to the booklet or publication or white paper, whatever they call it, which they have given, one is for items like payment to Madras Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewage Board towards transportation of water through lorries in the city of Madras, or for writing off of the loans outstanding or given to repatriates from Vietnam, Burma and Sri Lanka. The amount asked for is Rs. 46 crores. For this kind of items the Government has brought forth a Supplementary Budget of Rs. 419 crores. Where there is a justified demand they are silent. For example, the farmers want the loans to be written off. On that the Government has said nothing. Incidentally, Madam, I may mention that in Madras city there is a big racket of the lorries carrying water and many Congressmen are involved in that. In Madras water shortage is artificial due to this lobby.

SHRI M. A. BABY (Kerala): That means there is some Bofors in water supply.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: So, I would like, first of all, the Government to answer this. If they are bringing this Supplementary Budget on the eve of election when so many crores of rupees are being written off, why don't you write off the loans of farmers, which is a popular and just demand, considering the cost of inputs which has gone so high? So I begin with this question on the Budget.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA (Himachal Pradesh): Did you meet Mr. Devi Lal this morning

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I meet him all the time. Would you like to meet him?

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Are you going to contest from Tamil Nadu?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: You will find out soon in this election.

So, Madam, the lack of fiscal discipline is compounded by their evil intention, keeping the elections in mind. There is a rumour that they are going to declare the elections on 10th December. In any case, you have to hold the elections there by

the 29th of January. You do not have two-thirds majority in this House and you cannot use the Fifty-ninth Amendment. Even if you cross the floor, you may not be able to use the Fifty-ninth Amendment. Therefore, you have to hold the elections. But this budget, in my opinion, is motivated to give largesse to certain selected groups who are likely to benefit the Congress Party in the elections.

For the last one year the Congress Party has been in indirect rule in Tamil Nadu through the Governor. We know what they have done with the institution of the Governor. It has been a naked display of Congress power in Tamil Nadu. And what do we find? In fact, what the people of Tamil Nadu have learnt from this one year of Congress rule is that their lot is only going to get worse. In this House, only last week, in reply to a question by Shri Yashwant Sinha, the Planning Minister, Shri Madhavsinh Solanki, had stated that in terms of figures, state-wise, the growth rate of per capita income of Tamil Nadu has been declining steadily since 1985 when this Government came to power in alliance with the Government that was ruling in Tamil Nadu. In fact, this year the per capita income growth is negative. This I pointed out in a supplementary that I asked and the Minister said: "I am not in a position to answer because I need notice". Obviously, he cannot answer because there is no answer except the truth which is that under the Congress and Congress-inspired rule in Tamil Nadu, the lot of the Tamilian people has actually worsened.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM (Tamil Nadu): Madam, I am sorry for interrupting him. He is giving a misleading statement. The hon. Minister for planning has said in this House...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think your name is there. You are going to speak on this.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: My friend has referred to certain figures. Those figures must be read correctly. He cannot be allowed to read wrong figures. The Planning Minister has stated that the per capita income of Tamil Nadu in 1985, 1986 and 1987 has been above national average. That is the statement given by Mr. Solanki. How can he mislead the House? Here is a copy. I submit it to you.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Like in the Bofors, he can put a minute of dissent.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: With your permission...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: All right, your point is well taken.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: The figures make it very clear that in the year 1985-86, the average was 798 in Tamil Nadu.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You are going to speak on this. Don't do this. Otherwise I will cut it from your time. You have had three minutes already. Your total time is five minutes. So you will have only two minutes.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: He is poaching on my time, Madam. We are the biggest party in the Opposition.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: You criticise the Congress Party. Why do you bring in all this?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: You took the help of Congress. Now you are regretting it. Say so openly.

Madam, I sand by what I said, namely the answer to Mr Yashwant Sinha's Starred Question last week where Mr. Solanki, the Planning Minister, gave certain figures State-wise and in that, if you see, the growth rate of per capita income has declined steadily from 1985 and this year it has been worse. I am saying that in one year of indirect Congress rule, things have been much worse. It is indirect because it is Governor's rule. These constitutional niceties you have to extend.

Then in the last one year, we have seen a large number of visits by the Prime Minister to Tamil Nadu. The members of the Congress Party want to know whether I am going to contest elections from Tamil Nadu. I would like to ask them whether the Prime Minister having now decided that he has no chance to be the Prime Minister in the next elections here in Delhi, is trying to become the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

(Interruptions)

The number of trips he has made is unprecedented for any Prime Minister anywhere in the world.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: What is he saying? The Prime Minister of the country can go to any State. How can he put any curb on that?... *(Interruptions)*...That shows their mean mentality... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Why so many times?... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: The Prime Minister is free to visit any part of India. So far he was visiting, mostly, outside India. Now, within India, from the number of visits he makes to Tamil Nadu it appears as if he has lost all hope in the rest of India and his only hope now is to return as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. That is what it appears to be... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. A. BABY: Does he consider Tamil Nadu as a foreign country?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Swamy, please direct your speech towards me... *(Interruptions)*...if you turn around and speak... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Your more attractive attention to it is diverted... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: He is not speaking as a Janata Party Member. He speaks as Janata Dal...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Yes, it is still Janata Party—on that there is no doubt. We will tell you when we become Janata Dal. Don't worry; don't be afraid.

Madam, in fact, I find in the Prime Minister's speeches, "The alternative group is National Affront." The National Front has been called a "National Affront." If the National Front is such an insignificant body, why is that in every speech the Prime Minister is devoting attention to that? What we also find there is that in Tamil Nadu the Prime Minister said, these DMK wallahs have joined the Hindiwallahs and they have shoved their anti-Hindi plank; they have surrendered to the northerners. That is the speech he gave in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh): And just the opposite at Amethi!

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: A few days later he was in Amethi and says, these people here have surrendered to the anti-Hindiwallahs; don't allow those people to come to Amethi; if, they come, drive them away. Now I cannot understand, in these days of communications, how the Prime Minister can think that what he says in Tamil Nadu will not be read by people in Amethi and

what he says in Amethi will not be read by people in Tamil Nadu. But, I say, it is highly objectionable—the way you have tried to blacken the DMK's name as being anti-Hindi. They are not anti-Hindi. They are only anti-Hindi imposition. That, every Tamilian is opposed to. We will not accept imposition. But Tamil Nadu is not against Hindi. The largest producer of Hindi films today is Tamil Nadu, and all the top actresses in the last 20 years have come from Tamil Nadu... (*Interruptions*) ...So, we are not against Hindi. But Hindi imposition cannot be accepted ...(*Time-bell rings*)...And yet, the Prime Minister has made this statement, which is highly objectionable, because it is trying to create a schism in the country. Instead of integrating the country, it is an attempt to divide the country.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN (Tamil Nadu): The talks like Bal Thackeray.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, would you mind directing your comments also through the Chair? No cross talk.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: But he has a point. With the kind of chauvinism that is being excited, it will make Bal Thackeray proud.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: You are referring to Tamil Chauvinism.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: It is not. It is chauvinism according to the region, according to where you are. Similarly, there is this constant talk of "Dravidian rule".

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: "Dravidian misrule."

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: "Dravidian misrule" on top of that. Well, all the missus were on their side, to begin with, but now they have turned against them.

What is Dravidian? If you look at Sanskrit literature, you will find that "Dravid" is a region. It has not got anything to do with race. Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra are popularly called Dravid. That does not mean they are racially different. To talk about Dravidian rule is another attempt to fall prey to the British imperialist theory of Aryans and Dravidians. It is a nonsense theory; there is no substance in it. In fact, with that the British used to divide the country, but the Congress is also doing the same thing. You can say Dravid. In fact, Adi Sankara used to call himself *Dravida shishu*. But that does not mean that he is considered a race apart. The language being used and the method being used to collect resources, all show that they want to win the elections at all cost. But unfortunately, I would say that, in fact, they are in great difficulty.

Madam, before concluding, I want to bring one point to your attention. They talk about Tamilian interests. They are bringing the issue of Sri Lanka into the elections there. But what the Tamilians want, they are not doing. The Tamilians in Sri Lanka, on whose behalf they are exploiting the sentiments of the people in Tamil Nadu, want a separate country called "Eelam", and that, the Government is preventing from coming into being by one device or the other. I would say that this stand of the Government of India to prevent the formation of Eelam in Sri Lanka is an anti-Tamil stand, and I hope the Tamilian people will throw the Congress Party out in the coming elections.

Thank you.

SHRI V. NARAYANASWAMY: Madam, Deputy Chairman....

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Is he also contesting an election?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Everybody in this House sometime or the other will be contesting elections.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Madam Deputy Chairman, I was keenly watching the speech of the hon. Member, Shri Subramanian Swamy. About three months back his speech was so seasoned, and, now, after the formation of the National Front, he has completely given up his own policies and principles. It is quite unfortunate that within three months they are changing their Sri Lanka policy also.

Madam, I rise to support the Supplementary Demands for Grants presented by the hon. Minister of Finance for the year 1988-89.

Madam, these Supplementary Demands for Grants are for the purpose of carrying out developmental activities in Tamil Nadu. Madam, if we go through the account heads under which the funds have been allocated, we will find that they are quite necessary for the purpose of education, apppointment of teachers, water supply scheme, then for 8,000 houses for the Harijan colonies and so on and so forth. But my learned friend asks why you are sending on repatriates. Madam, it is quite...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I said, "You are writing off loans." Please read it. I know that you do not know how to read it. I will read it for you.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I know. I am competent.

Madam, he says that even for repatriates we should not spend money.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: No. I will correct the record. I said, "You are writing off Rs. 46 crores on loans. Why are you doing it for the farmers?" That is what I asked.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Madam, he asks, "Why are you allocating money for the water supply scheme?"

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: No. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. NARAYANASMY: It was done by the earlier Government. Now you are continuing it.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: You are allowing that Government.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Yes, yes.

Madam, the water supply scheme is required more for the Madras city.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: He was off his mind when our Professor was speaking.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: It was because of the acute drought prevailing in the Madras city earlier that the Government had spent money to keep the water supply scheme for the purpose of giving water supply to the entire city of Madras. Therefore, the amounts have been allocated. To the writing-off of those loans, my friend who is now in the Janata Dal, is objecting.

Madam, I would like to say that this particular budget, that is, the Supplementary Demands for Grants, is welfare-oriented. I can give several instances of it. I do not want to dilate on that.

Madam, the hon. Member has been referring to our hon. Prime Minister's visit to Tamil Nadu. The visit of the Prime Minister of the country to a particular State should be welcomed by the people and also political leadears of various parties. But I see criticism, unwarranted criticism from the hon. Member of that party. He says that the Prime Minister's going there has a different motive behind it. I would like to susbmit that since the Prime Minister went to Tamil Nadu several schemes have been announced

by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Madam, the prestigious scheme, the Koodankulam Atomic Power Plant is to be set up there with 2,000 MW capacity. The Government is going to spend Rs. 10 crores on it.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Why didn't the Prime Minister inaugurate the scheme?

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: You will have your chance to speak.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please don't interrupt.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: He is telling wrong things.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Whatever he is saying you can refute at the time when you speak. There is no point in interrupting him now.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: He is going to remote corners in the rural areas of Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu is suffering for want of power supply. When this particular scheme comes up there, the industrial prosperity will be ushered in Tamil Nadu. This is a prestigious project and has been undertaken in collaboration with USSR. The General-Secretary and President of USSR when came to India recently, signed an agreement. Under that agreement they are going to collaborate with India for the purpose of setting up atomic power plant there. But, surprisingly, I find all representations and objections coming from the regional political parties in Tamil Nadu. When we wanted to set up the power plant there, there was an objection from the regioanl political parties saying it will be dangerous to humanity and to people living in and around that area. But our hon. Prime Minister categorically stated in this House and also outside that this particular project will not be dangerous to the people who are living in and around that area. All safeguards have been taken to take care of the people in and around that area. This particular project not only will give power to Tamil Nadu, but will also go to the extent of helping the adjacent States. Therefore, this is a prestigious project which should be welcomed by all political leaders of the regional parties there.

Then a Rs. 800 crore Aromatic plant is also coming up there. It will give employment to more than 800 people there. When the Prime Minister visited Tamil Nadu, he also inaugurated a Rs. 27 crore graphite project there. He opened several water supply schemes in the rural areas. He opened several Harijan colonies built by the Government for the purpose of benefiting the Harijan and Adivasi people in the Tamil Nadu area. Why are these people objecting to it? I can see a reason behind it. When the Prime Minister goes to Tamil Nadu, thousands of people even in the remote villages gather there to greet the Prime Minister and show their support to the Congress Party.

SHRI T. R. BALU: But he is going there in bullet-proof car.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: My friend at his turn can say that. People don't know whether it is a bullet-proof car or not. They are in the rural areas. My friend may know it. Therefore, he is not going there.

The people in thousands gather there. Even in the early hours at 2 O' Clock people gather there to greet the Prime Minister to show their soli support to the Congress Party and to our leader, Rajiv Gandhi. It has not been liked and it has been opposed by the political parties there in Tamil Nadu. Some national parties also join with them and they are opposing our Prime Minister's visit to Tamil Nadu. I take strong exception to it and I would like to tell them that the Prime Minister of this country can go to any State. You canno give any guidelines to the Prime Minister.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Not at the cost of the tax-payers.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Madam, I do not want running commentary.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please don't interrupt. You will have your chance and then you speak. Let us finish this Bill within one hour. We have to finish that somehow or other within that time. Otherwise I will reduce the time of everybody.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Did you say let us finish Tamil Nadu in one hour?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Bill.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Apart from industries coming up there during President's rule in Tamil Nadu, the Government is doing a tremendous job there for developing the Tamil Nadu State, which has been ruined for the past 20 years. It was ruined by the regional parties there. The developmental activities have gone to dogs. Actually on the industrial front, Tamil Nadu was in the fourth rank It has now gone to fourteenth rank. The industrial develompent had been completely ignored by the regional parties ruling there. When the governor took over office about eleven months back, he announced several schemes, including tax concessions to the industries. It was widely welcomed by the people of Tamil Nadu. Apart from that, for small industries concessions have been given. On the industrial front Tamil Nadu is growing at par with other States which actually the other political parties do not appreciate.

I would like to speak on one more important fact. There is a lot of criticism about the Indo-Sri Lanka Accord. I am proud to say before this House that we could install a Tamilian as Chief Minister of the North-Eastern Provincial Council there, only because of Indo-Sri Lanka accord signed by our Prime Minister with President Jayewardene that a person belonging to Tamils was appointed as the Chief Minister in that region. It struck our Prime Minister that this post should go to a person belonging to Tamils. If this accord was not signed our Tamil people would have been killed. There would have been no Tamils in that area. The LTTE people who have been given asylum in Tamil Nadu what they are doing actually. They have created law and order problem in the Tamil Nadu State. They have looted banks. They have killed several people at gun-point. That is why they have been deported to Sri Lanka. But some regional parties in that State are supporting LTTE. Even today they are supporting them. It is very unfortunate that they are supporting them. The LTTE have not agreed to join the mainstream and also to give up violence. They have completely ignored and killed their own brothers and sisters in the North-Eastern province of Sri Lanka. Not only that, they have killed even people of Sinhalese origin. And such people are being supported by the regional parties in Tamil Nadu. But the people of Tamil Nadu have realised that it is only a political stunt for the purpose of electioneering and people of that State have completely ignored the call given by the regional parties in support of LTTE.

Now, I would like to say something about the language problem. Honourable Member, Mr. Subramanian Swamy has also said something about it. But it is the consistent policy of our Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi that Hindi will not be imposed in any State so long as people of that particular State do not want it. This was the policy of Nehru and Indiraji also. Now, he says that Hindi fanatics have joined them. Madam, I quite agree with him that they have all joined Mr. Karunanidhi, the leader of the DMK party and the DMK party has compromised their policy with Devi Lal.

SHRI T. R. BALU (Tamil Nadu): We stoutly opposed imposition of Hindi.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: You know that Mr. Devi Lal spoke in English at the Madras rally.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Do you know that your Narasimha Rao addressed in Hindi at the international forum?

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: That is a different thing. They have compromised their policy with Devi Lal on language. They will agree if he speaks in English but not in Hindi. This DMK party is promising the people of Tamil Nadu that if they come to power they will safeguard their interests. They also say that they are saviour of the Tamil people. Now, they have compromised their policy with Devi Lal.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Are you pro-Hindi or anti-Hindi? You declare it now.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I said it is our consistent policy that Hindi will not be imposed on any State so long as people of that State do not want it. That is our policy.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: This is what DMK has said.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: We will not prevent the people if they study in English. We will not prevent the people if they study in Hindi. We will not prevent people if they study in Tamil. But we will not oppose any person if he has studied in any language. But you are doing that and joining that party. You are having an unholy alliance with the DMK party. Madam, the people of Tamil Nadu know very well that the National Front is there only for the purpose of showing to the world that they are together but there are so many under-cuttings among themselves.

Madam, I want to say a few words about the Cauvery river dispute. So far as this dispute is concerned, it has become a burning problem for the people of Tamil Nadu. You know that monsoon has failed. The required water has not been given to Tamil Nadu from the Cauvery river basin. The Central Government has promptly responded and sent a telex message to the Chief Minister of Karnataka requesting him to release more water for the Thanjavur delta area.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Janata Government.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Yes, you are there. Apart from this, the Governor of Tamil Nadu also held two rounds of discussions with the Chief Minister of Karnataka for the purpose of settling the Cauvery river water dispute. But unfortunately some political parties in that State are misinforming the people of Tamil Nadu that the Central Government which is ruling is not taking any interest in settling the dispute, Madam, before this House I request the Finance Minister to intervene in this matter and ask the Chief Minister of Karnataka to release sufficient water for the crops which are at the crucial stage from the Cauvery river and the crops are harvested in the next month. That is why, the water is to be supplied to Cauvery delta region and then before setting the dispute, an arbitrator may be appointed to decide the share of water which can be given to each State. (*Time bell rings*). Madam, I would add only two points and with that, I would conclude. Another feather in the cap of the Central Government is about settling the Vanniyar problem in Tamil Nadu. When Dr. Ramachandran was there, he tried to settle the problem. It has been lingering on for more than one year. But fortunately during the Governor's rule, the Vanniyar community people have been called, the issues have been discussed, their demands have been considered and

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now the Government is in a position to settle the problems of the Vanniyar community which has been hanging fire for more than two-and-a half years. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: When they are going to settle the problem? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Why you are in a hurry? Madam, the Vanniyar community isue is likely to be settled. (*Interruption*). Yes. There was an agitation. When MGR was alive and when he tried to settle the problem, people had agitated and for 15 days, life was completely paralysed in South Arcot, North Arcot and Chingleput district. They could not do anything. But fortunately, during President's rule, due attention was paid by the Central Government and the Governor has taken keen interest and he called them, discussed with them the problems and there is every possibility of settling the dispute. This a feather in the cap of the Governor's rule in Tamil Nadu. Another important aspect I wocld like to submit and with this, I will conclude because you are ringing the bell. There is all round progress in Tamil Nadu during President's rule. The only claim made by them is that the Governor's rule should not be prolonged. Madam, I hope early elections will be announced and I have personally seen the mammoth rally held by the Congress Party on November 28th. More than 15 lakh people gathered in Madras city. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: How much money was spent on it? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: You turn the table and see what happened in the National Front rally which they held. Not even 70,000 people were there. But when they found more than 15 lakh people gathered in Madras city. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI T. R. BALU: How much money was spent in the rally (*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: The Congressmen spent their own money. They came to Madras. They showed their solid support to our Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi, the Congress leadership in Madras and also the Congress Party in Madras city. Therefore, I have no doubt, the National Front and the DMK party there are agitated because of our massive sucessful rally. (*Interruption*)

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Why are you after Miss Jayalalitha? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Madam, I would like to submit that this rally has completely turned the table and the DMK party is in a fix. Now, they are trying to have alliance wih the other parties also. They would like to have alliance with the Janaki group. Let them do so, we are not bothered about it. But one thing I would like to submit is that the Congress party would emerge as the largest single party which will definitely win election this time and the local parties, the regional parties, have lost confidence of the people of Tamil Nadu and they will not have any support from the people of Tamil Nadu. Due to our Prime Minister's visits, the Congress party image in Tamil Nadu has improved and I would like to submit that the Congress party will be able to form the Ministry after the elections. With this, I conclude.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. EXTENSION OF CURRENT SESSION

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon'ble Members, I have an announcement to make regarding extension of the current Session of the Rajya Sabha.

After we adjourn today, the House will met on Friday, the 16th December,